

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Executive			<b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>NOV 20 1996</b>  <b>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	Intro 11/26/96	Introduction
Division Head:				12/10/96	Finance / Council
Dept. Head:	DW	11/18/96			
Prosecutor:	Ran	11/18/96			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	PK	11-18-96			

**SUBJECT:**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-042, "REORGANIZATION OF WHATCOM COUNTY GOVERNMENT THROUGH REPEAL AND AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY CODE AND CREATION OF A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT" AND OTHER CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY CODE.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Ordinance

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

*Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.*

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / <u>  </u> / YES / <u>  </u> / Requested date:
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This is an ordinance that modifies departmental structure by relocating district accounting functions from the County Auditor's Office to the Administrative Services Department and consolidating Combined Treatment Services and Developmental Disabilities into the Health Department.

**ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Pass

**COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:**

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:**

1996 - 411 11/26/96: Introduced  
 12/10/96: Amended & Adopted 7 - 0. Ord. #96-061

Number (this item only):

Ord. # 96-061

INTRODUCED BY: Consent  
PROPOSED BY: Executive  
DATE: November 26, 1996

ORDINANCE NO. 96-061

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-042  
“REORGANIZATION OF WHATCOM COUNTY GOVERNMENT THROUGH  
REPEAL AND AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE WHATCOM  
COUNTY CODE AND CREATION OF A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT”  
AND OTHER CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that County departmental structure should be modified in such a manner that would accomplish the following goals:

1. Provide a comprehensive integrated financial management system for all activities of County government, including accounting services provided by the County to junior taxing districts; and,
2. Promote efficient and effective management of human services through consolidation of existing departments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that the following changes to the Whatcom County Code are hereby adopted:

1. Ordinance 93-042 REORGANIZATION OF WHATCOM COUNTY GOVERNMENT THROUGH REPEAL AND AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY CODE AND CREATION OF A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, is hereby amended as of January 1, 1997 as detailed in Exhibit A to this ordinance; and,
2. Certain Whatcom County Code sections are hereby amended, as detailed in Exhibit A to this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that on January 1, 1997, all files, records and documents from the District Accounting section of the Auditor’s Office will be transferred to the Administrative Services Department; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that on January 1, 1997, all files, records, documents, equipment and furniture from Combined Treatment Services Department and Developmental Disabilities Department will be transferred to the Health Department; and,



**EXHIBIT A**

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**Changes to Ordinance 93-042, Exhibit D:**

Section 3.02.030, subsection 1, Authority and functions (of the Administrative Services Department), is amended as follows:

Develop and implement an integrated financial accounting and reporting system for each department or division of County government, including the processing of all junior taxing district transactions. The system shall properly and systematically account for all revenues, expenditures, receipts, disbursements, resources and obligations of the County. The accounting system shall provide accurate and timely records and reports of all financial activities of the County.

Section 3.02.040, subsection 2 e, Reserved powers to the County Auditor, is repealed in its entirety effective January 1, 1997.

~~“All powers and duties with respect to the processing of junior taxing district claims, including the duties as auditor as provided by state law.”~~

**Changes to the Whatcom County Code:**

Chapter 2.44, Combined Treatment Services, Section 2.44.010, Department established, is hereby amended as follows: ~~There is established the department of combined treatment services, hereinafter referred to as the “department”, an executive department of the county. The department shall commence operation on January 1, 1988; provided, that the county executive may take any preliminary or transitional steps necessary for the formation of the department and the implementation of this chapter. (Ord. 87-79). The department of combined treatment services shall be dissolved and all of its duties, powers and responsibilities shall be assigned to the county health department on January 1, 1997, also providing the county executive to take any preliminary or transitional steps necessary for the implementation of this chapter. Combined treatment services shall hereinafter be referred to as a part of the county health department.~~

2.44.020, Director Coordinator appointments, is amended as follows:

A. The county executive director of the health department shall appoint the chief executive officer, hereinafter referred to as the “director”, of the department, subject to a confirmation by a majority of the county council. The director shall be the county substance abuse alcoholism coordinator and the county drug abuse coordinator in accordance with provision of RCW Chapters 70.96 and 69.54 respectively, and shall also be designated appoint as the county mental health coordinator in the to carrying out of RCW Chapters 71.05, 71.24 and 71.34.

~~B. The director will be appointed to an indefinite term and will serve at the will of the county executive. (Ord. 87-79)~~

2.44.030, Department staff, is repealed in its entirety, effective January 1, 1997.

**EXHIBIT A**

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1 Chapter 2.85, Developmental Disabilities Department, Section 2.85.010, Department established,  
2 is hereby amended as follows: There is established the department of developmental disabilities,  
3 hereinafter referred to as the "department", an executive department of the county. The department  
4 shall continue as in place as to staff and programs upon the effective date of the ordinance codified  
5 in this chapter. (Ord. 90-61). The department of developmental disabilities shall be dissolved and  
6 all of its duties, powers and responsibilities shall be assigned to the county health department on  
7 January 1, 1997, also providing the county executive to take any preliminary or transitional steps  
8 necessary for the implementation of this chapter. Developmental disabilities shall hereinafter be  
9 referred to as a part of the county health department.

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11 2.44.020, Director appointment is amended as follows: ~~Director~~ Coordinator appointment.

12 A. The county executive director of the health department shall appoint the chief executive officer,  
13 hereinafter referred to as the "director", of the department, subject to a confirmation by a majority  
14 of the county council. ~~The director shall be the developmental disabilities coordinator, in accordance~~  
15 with provisions of RCW Chapters 71A.12 and 71A.14.

16 B. ~~The director will be appointed to an indefinite term and will serve at the will of the county~~  
17 ~~executive. (Ord. 90-61).~~

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19 2.85.030, Department staff, is repealed in its entirety, effective January 1, 1997.  
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